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Frederick, Michael Ellis, Joseph Cromwell.
Calvert, Jonathan Forrest.
James Haw, *Elder*.
Kentucky, Benjamin Ogden.
Lee Roy Cole, *Elder*.
Newbern, New-River, and Wilmington,
Joshua Hartley, Caleb Maxey.
Antigua, John Baxter.

Quest. 12. What numbers are in Society?

	Whites. Col.			Whites. Col.	
Portsmouth	330	26	Charleston	35	23
Sussex	416	72	Santee	75	
Brunswick	305	59	Pee Dee	285	10
Amelia	382	30	Broad River	200	10
Mecklenburg	392	37	Salisbury	327	
Bedford	524	16	Yadkin	496	11
Orange	374	75	Holston	250	
Williams-			Guilford	400	10
burg	167	11	Halifax	324	14
Alleghany	350	18	New-Hope	192	3
Berkley	140	26	Tar River	607	42
Redstone	523		New River	500	72
Fairfax	260		Roanoke	474	
Lancaster	174		Caswell	153	
Frederick	390	32	Bertie	405	58
Calvert	295	316	Camden and		
Baltimore	655	111	Banks	257	
Little York	136		West Jersey	492	
Kent	1013		Trenton	352	
Talbot	632	332	East Jersey	365	
Dorchester	719		New-York	178	25
Somerset	220		Long Island	146	8
Annapessex	317	33	Newark	50	
Northampton	151	9	Nova Scotia	510	
Caroline	657	243	Antigua		1000
Dover	690	158			
Philadelphia	498			18,791	1890
Georgia	78		Preachers	117.	

MINUTES

TAKEN AT THE SEVERAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

FOR THE YEAR 1787.

Quest. 1. Who are the superintendents of our church for the United States?

Thomas Coke (when present in the States) and Francis Asbury.

Quest. 2. Who are the elders?

Richard Whatcoat, Freeborn Garrettson, John Tunnell, Thomas S. Chew, John Hagerty, Reuben Ellis, Wm. Gill, James O'Kelly, Henry Willis, Richard Ivy, Caleb Boyer, Nelson Reed, Enoch Matson, Ignatius Pigman, Thomas Foster, John Baxter, James O. Cromwell, Lee Roy

Quest. 13. What is the yearly collection?
£182 6s. 6d.

Quest. 14. How was this applied?

Toward supplying the deficiencies of the preachers.

Quest. 15. What was contributed toward the preachers' fund for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

£38 5s. 4d.

Quest. 16. What demands are upon it?

£14 for the funeral expenses of Jeremiah Lambert.

Quest. 17. What was collected for, and expended on, missionaries this year?

£54 17s.

Quest. 18. What has been collected this year for Cokesbury College?

£800 2s. 11d.

Quest. 19. What has been expended this year?

£1618 14s. 2d.

Balance due, £818 11s. 3d.

Quest. 20. Where and when shall we hold Conference next year?

1. At Salisbury, North Carolina, May 17, 1787.

2. At Petersburg, Virginia, June 19, 1787.

3. At Abingdon, Md., July 24, 1787.

Cole, Beverly Allen, Francis Poythress, James Haw, Philip Bruce, Joseph Cromwell, John Dickens, Woolman Hickson—25.

Quest. 3. Who are the deacons?

Michael Ellis, Joseph Everett, Samuel Dudley, William Cannan, Thomas Humphries, James White, John Cooper, Thos. Curtis, William Phœbus, John Major, Edward Morris, Isaac Smith, Philip Cox, Richard Swift, John Easter, William Partridge, Jeremiah Mastin, Thomas Wil-

liamson, Thomas Anderson, Thos. Bowen, Lemuel Green, Thomas Ware, Robert Cloud, William Jessop—24.

Quest. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Robert Ayres, Henry Bingham, Jacob Brush, Robert Cann, Ezekiel Cooper, Stephen Deakins, Hope Hull, Thomas Williamson, Stephen Johnson, Jeremiah Mastin, John M'Claskey, John Paup, Simon Pile, Levin Ross, Robert Sparks, Amos G. Thompson, Mark Whitaker—17.

Quest. 5. Who remain on trial?

Sihon Smith, John Mason, Mark Moore, Charles Hardy, John Simmons, Lasley Matthews, Michael Leard, Henry Merritt, Daniel Asbury, Henry Vanover, Terence Burns, Micajah Tracy, Jacob Lorton, John Jarrell, Benjamin Ogden, John Merrick, Samuel Q. Talbot, Aquila Edwards—18.

Quest. 6. Who are admitted on trial?

Edward West, James Conner, William Bradbury, Jeremiah Minter, Daniel Lockett, Lemuel Andrews, Matthew Harris, Lewis Grigg, Barnabas M'Henry, Benjamin Carter, Isaac Lowe, Nathaniel Moore, David Haggard, Jeremiah Abel, Thomas Weatherford, Thomas Davis, Lewis Chastain, Francis Spry, Cornelius Cook, Thos. Morrell, Christopher Spry, Nathaniel B. Mills, Richard Pearson, Charles Conaway, James Wilson, John Todd, John Milburn, Benton Riffin, George Callahan, David Combs, Daniel Combs, Thomas Haymond, Benjamin Roberts, Aaron Hutchinson, Elisha Phelps—35.

Quest. 7. Who desist from travelling?

John Robertson, James Foster—2.

Quest. 8. Who have died this year?

Richard Owings,—one of the first local preachers on the continent. Though he had the charge of a large family, he laboured much in the word and doctrine; travelling for weeks and months in the back settlements in the infancy of the work. He was a man of honest heart, plain address, good utterance, and sound judgment. He gave himself up to the work for the last two years of his life. He died at Leesburg, in Virginia, last September, and we trust rests from his labours.

Quest. 9. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?

They were all strictly tried, one by one, before the Conference.

Quest. 10. How are the preachers stationed this year?

Richard Ivy, *Elder*.

Burke, John Major, Matthew Harris. Augusta, Thos. Humphries, Moses Park. Broad River, John Mason, Thomas Davis.

Beverly Allen, *Elder*.

Edisto, Edward West. Charleston, Lemuel Green.

Reuben Ellis, *Elder*.

Santee, Isaac Smith.

Pee Dee, H. Bingham, L. Andrews, H. Ledbetter.

Yadkin, W. Partridge, B. M'Henry, J. Conner.

Salisbury, Mark Moore.

Francis Poythress, *Elder*.

Guilford, Jeremiah Minter.

Halifax, Daniel Asbury, Jeremiah Abel.

New-Hope, John Baldwin.

Caswell, Terence Burns.

James O'Kelly, *Elder*.

Bladen, Daniel Combs.

New-River, Edward Morris, Henry Ogburn.

Tar River, Thomas Bowen, Thos. Weatherford.

Roanoke, Thos. Anderson, Benj. Cartèr.

Mecklenburg, Richard Swift, Chas. Hardy.

Brunswick, John Easter, Henry Jones.

Sussex, Philip Cox, Lewis Grigg.

Amelia, Hope Hull, Mark Whitaker.

Philip Bruce, *Elder*.

Portsmouth, Thomas Jackson, David Jefferson.

Camden, Sihon Smith.

Banks, David Haggard.

Bertie, Henry Merritt, Lewis Chastain.

Lee Roy Cole, *Elder*.

Bedford, John Paup, William Bradbury.

Greenbrier, John Smith.

Orange, Isaac Lowe, Daniel Lockett.

Hanover, Henry Vanover.

Williamsburg, Stephen Johnson.

Amherst, William Dameron.

John Tunnell, *Elder*.

Holston, Jeremiah Mastin, Nathaniel Moore.

Nollechuckie, Thomas Ware, Micajah Tracy.

James Haw, *Elder*.

Kentucky, Thos. Williamson, Wilson Lee.

Cumberland, Benjamin Ogden.

Joseph Cromwell, *Elder*.

Redstone, Wm. Phœbus, J. Wilson, E. Phelps.

Clarksburg, Robert Cann, Richard Pearson.

Ohio, Chas. Conaway, Geo. Callahan.

Richard Whatcoat, Enoch Matson, Elders.

Alleghany, John Simmons, John Todd.

Bath, Robert Ayres, Michael Leard.

Berkley, Lasley Matthews, Jacob Lurton.

Caleb Boyer, Elder.

Fairfax, Michael Ellis, Adam Cloud.

Lancaster, William Cannan, Elijah Ellis.

Nelson Reed, John Hagerty, and

Ignatius Pigman, Elders.

Frederick, Jonathan Forrest, Benton Rigin, Benjamin Roberts.

Calvert, James Riggins.

Baltimore, Jesse Lee.

John Jarrell, Thomas S. Chew, and

James O. Cromwell, Elders.

Kent, Ira Ellis, John Merrick.

Talbot, John Cooper, George Moore.

Dover, Jacob Brush, Aaron Hutchinson.

Caroline, James White, Amos G. Thompson, Francis Spry.

Freeborn Garrettson, Elder.

Dorchester, Thomas Curtis.

Somerset, Levin Ross, Christopher Spry.

Annessex, Joseph Everett, Matthew Greentree.

Northampton, Robert Sparks.

John Hagerty and William Gill, Elders.

Philadelphia, Samuel Dudley, William Thomas.

Little York, David Combs.

Thomas Foster, Elder.

Elizabethtown, Robert Cloud, Thomas Morrell.

West Jersey, Robert Cann, John M'Claskey, John Milburn.

Trenton, Ezekiel Cooper, Nathaniel B. Mills.

East Jersey, Simon Pike, Cornelius Cook.

New-York, John Dickinson, Henry Willis.

New-Rochelle, Samuel Q. Talbot.

Long Island, Peter Moriarty.

Quest. 11. What numbers are there in Society?

	Whites	Col.		Whites.	Col.
Georgia	430	20	Guilford	409	15
Broad River	403	19	New-Hope	291	30
Edisto	240	4	Tar River	680	50
Charleston	34	53	Roanoke	419	129
Santee	178	12	Caswell	207	6
Pee Dee	790	33	Bertie	386	50
Salisbury	391	24	Camden and		
Yadkin	517	20	Banks	370	34
Holston	449	1	New-River	495	80

	Whites.	Col.		Whites.	Col.
Bladen	30		Baltimore	756	196
Halifax	403	23	Kent	607	604
Mecklenburg	828	76	Talbot	1077	524
Portsmouth	391	57	Dorchester	594	135
Brunswick	407	59	Somerset	223	56
Sussex	496	93	Annessex		
Amelia	573	51	sex	343	43
Williamsburg	217	5	Caroline	616	268
Orange	337	3	Dover	654	209
Amherst	100	7	Philadelphia	513	
Bedford	252		Little York		
Buckingham	87	10	and Juniata	136	
Kentucky	90		West Jersey	557	8
Alleghany	736		Trenton	372	
Berkley	203	26	East Jersey	465	
Redstone	756		Elizabeth-		
Fairfax	270		town	240	
Lancaster	400	155	New-York	235	40
Northampton	178	22	Long Island	160	7
Greenbrier	100				
Frederick	445	55		21,949	3893
Calvert	443	550	Preachers	133.	

Quest. 12. What is contributed for the yearly expenses?

£193 15s. 1d.

Quest. 13. How was this applied?

Toward supplying the deficiencies of the preachers.

Quest. 14. What was contributed toward the fund for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

£52 10s.

Quest. 15. What demands are upon it?

For William Glendenning, £24; Caleb Boyer, £14 8s. 1d.

Quest. 16. What has been collected this year for Cokesbury College?

£261 15s. 1d.

Quest. 17. What directions shall we give for the promotion of the spiritual welfare of the coloured people?

We conjure all our ministers and preachers, by the love of God, and the salvation of souls, and do require them, by all the authority that is invested in us, to leave nothing undone for the spiritual benefit and salvation of them, within their respective circuits or districts; and for this purpose to embrace every opportunity of inquiring into the state of their souls, and to unite in society those who appear to have a real desire of fleeing from the wrath to come; to meet such in class, and to exercise the whole Methodist discipline among them.

Quest. 18. Are not many of our preachers and people dissatisfied with the sala-

ries allowed our married preachers who have children?

They are. Therefore, for the future, no married preacher shall demand more than £48, P. C.

Quest. 19. Shall any directions be given concerning register books?

Let register books be provided by all the societies, that the elders and deacons may enter the marriages and baptisms regularly in them; and let every such register book be kept in the hands of the steward, or any other proper person of each society respectively. Let one general register book be also kept in the hands of the general steward of every circuit, in which the contents of all the private register books in the circuit may be inserted at convenient times.

Quest. 20. What can we do for the rising generation?

Let the elders, deacons, and helpers

class the children of our friends in proper classes, as far as it is practicable; meet them as often as possible, and commit them, during their absence, into the care of proper persons, who may meet them at least weekly; and if any of them be truly awakened, let them be admitted into society.

Quest. 21. Where and when shall the Conferences be held next year?

1. At Charleston, on Tuesday, 12th of March.

2. In Georgia, on Tuesday, the 9th of April.

3. In Holston, on Tuesday, the 13th of May.

4. In Amelia county, Va., on Tuesday, 17th of June.

5. At Union Town, on Tuesday, the 22d of July.

6. At Baltimore, on Tuesday, the 10th of September.

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Thomas Coke, Francis Asbury—2.

Quest. 2. Who are the elders?

Reuben Ellis, John Tunnell, Beverly Allen, James Haw, Richard Ivy, James O'Kelly, Francis Poythress, Philip Bruce, William Gill, Edward Morris, Ira Ellis, Richard Whatcoat, John Hagerty, Nelson Reed, Joseph Cromwell, James O. Cromwell, Henry Willis, Thomas Foster, Joseph Everett, Lemuel Green, Freeborn Garrettson, John Dickinson—22.

Quest. 2. Who are the deacons?

Hope Hull, Isaac Smith, Thos. Ware, Thomas Humphries, Matthew Greentree, Jeremiah Mastin, Thomas Williamson, Philip Cox, Thomas Anderson, John Paup, Richard Swift, John Baldwin, John Smith, Henry Ogburn, John Easter, William Phœbus, Thomas Bowen, Jacob Brush, William Jessop, Jonathan Forrest, James Riffin, John M'Claskey, Ezekiel Cooper, James White, Robert Sparks, Amos G.

Thompson, Geo. Moore, Samuel Breeze, Michael Leard, William Thomas, John Merrick, Robert Clond, Peter Moriarty, Samuel Q. Talbot, Cornelius Cook, Thos. Morrell—36.

Quest. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Mark Moore, Daniel Asbury, Charles Hardy, Henry Merritt, Michael Leard, Lasley Matthews, Jacob Lurton, John Simmons, John Merrick, Samuel Q. Talbot, Cornelius Cook, Thos. Morrell—12.

Quest. 5. Who remain on trial?

Lemuel Andrews, Matthew Harris, Nathaniel Moore, Barnabas M'Henry, Micajah Tracy, Benjamin Carter, David Combs, Edward West, Jeremiah Minter, Daniel Lockett, David Haggard, Jeremiah Abel, Thomas Weatherford, Lewis Chastain, Isaac Lowe, James Conner, Elisha Phelps, Richard Pearson, Charles Conaway, George Callahan, James Wilson, John Jarrell, Benjamin Roberts, George Hagerty, Francis Spry, Aaron Hutchin-